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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TPHY, GR, US
SUBJECT: GOG DESIRE FOR ADDITIONAL EARTHQUAKE RESEARCH

REF: ATHENS 5220

1. MFA SECRETARY GENERAL THEODOROPOULOS CALLED ME IN THIS MORNING TO SAY THAT GOG FEELS THE NEED FOR MORE EXTENSIVE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF SEISMOLOGICAL CONDITIONS AND PROSPECTS IN NORTHERN GREECE. GOG HOPES U.S. CAN SEND REALLY TOP-LEVEL SEISMOLOGICAL SPECIALIST WITH NEXCESSARY TEAM OF EXPERTS AND THE BEST EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR STUDYING AND PREDICTING EARTHQUAKES. AFTER TEAM HAS FINISHED ITS WORK GOG HOPES TO BUY THE EQUIPMENT AND LEAVE IT IN PLACE TO IMPROVE GREEK PREDICTION CAPABILITY IN THAT AREA OF RECURRING EARTHQUAKES. THEODOROPOULOS SAID GOG WAS OF COURSE PREPARED TO PAY FOR BOTH THE SERVICES AND THE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED.

2. BECAUSE OF ACADEMIC JEALOUSIES WHICH HAVE BEEN STIRRED UP BY THE PRSENECE OF FOREIGN EXPERTS RECENTLY, THEODOROPOULOS SAID GOG WOULD LIKE THE U. S. TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN OFFERING
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THE SERVICES OF A TOP SEISMOLOGIST AND TEAM SO THAT GREEKS WOULD NOT HAVE TO INVITE SUCH ASSISTANCE. GOG CAN THEN ACCEPT THE OFFER WITH MINIMUM ADVERSE REACTION FROM GREEK SEISMOLOGICAL FRATERNITY.

3. COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION: THIS REQUEST WOULD SEEM TO BE A TAILOR-MADE OPPORTUNITY TO BROADEN OUR RELATIONS WITH GOG IN NON-SECURITY FIELDS AND WE RECOMMEND THAT USG SELECT BEST

AVAILABLE EXPERTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. GOG HAS BEEN CRITICIZED RECENTLY BY OPPOSITION FOR NOT HAVING DONE ENOUGH TO PREDICT AND PREPARE FOR EARTHQUAKES IN THE PAST AND IS NOW TRYING TO OFFSET THE DAMAGE DONE BY THESE ACCUSATIONS. THE PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF LEAVES TODAY FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT TO EARTHQUAKE AREA AND I SUSPECT THEODOROPOULOS' REQUEST WAS A RESULT OF DECISION BY KARAMANLIS AT YESTERDAY'S INNER-CABINET MEETING. PLEASE LET US KNOW PRELIMINARY REACTIONS TO THIS REQUEST AND ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED TO SELECT APPROPRIATE EXPERTS.
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